SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: No, no. There should be an absolute denial from the Government that our troops did not enter into that territory. *(Interruptions)* There should be an absolute and real denial from the Government to this effect. *(Interruptions)* The Home Minister cannot say that he has no information. *(Interruptions)* He should understand the implications. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: The Government of India has to clarify whether it is a fact or not.

SHRI L.K. ADVANI: So far as the allegation that the Indian troops have crossed the border is concerned, I would like to say, no, it is a hoax. It is baseless.

So far as the proxy war is concerned, the proxy war is on. There is no doubt about it. We are determined to defeat it without a war. We are determined to defeat it and to ensure that internal security is fully preserved with the strength of our own administration and our paramilitary forces.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: What about the statement of the Defence Minister? *(Interruptions)*

SHRI L.K. ADVANI: As far as I am concerned, I am aware that the Defence Minister has made no such statement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over. Papers to be laid on the Table, Secretary-General. *(Interruptions)*...

Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Water in LPG Refills

*25. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been received regarding supply of water instead of gas in LPG refills supplied by Indian Oil Corporation;

(b) whether the distributors refuse to replace the refills on the pretext that it is the responsibility of Indian Oil Corporation;

(c) whether any complaint has been received from the consumers attached to M/s Vikram Enterprises, West Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(e) whether it is part of a larger racket; and

(f) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir. During 1997-98, 57 complaints have been received by IOC management from Indane consumers regarding supply of water instead of gas in LPG refill.

(b) No, Sir. In all the above cases, the distributors have replaced the cylinders free of cost, as provided in the instructions.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. One complaint of this nature was received from a consumer attached to M/s Vikram Enterprises, West Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi during 1997-98. The cylinder was replaced free of cost.

(e) The number of cases of water in cylinder compared to total number of refills sold is quite insignificant. As such, it does not appear to be a part of a larger racket.

(f) While quality control measures at the bottling plants are being strengthened constantly, the distributors have been instructed by the Oil Companies to ensure all pre-delivery and post-delivery checks on refills to ensure quality and quantity of product.